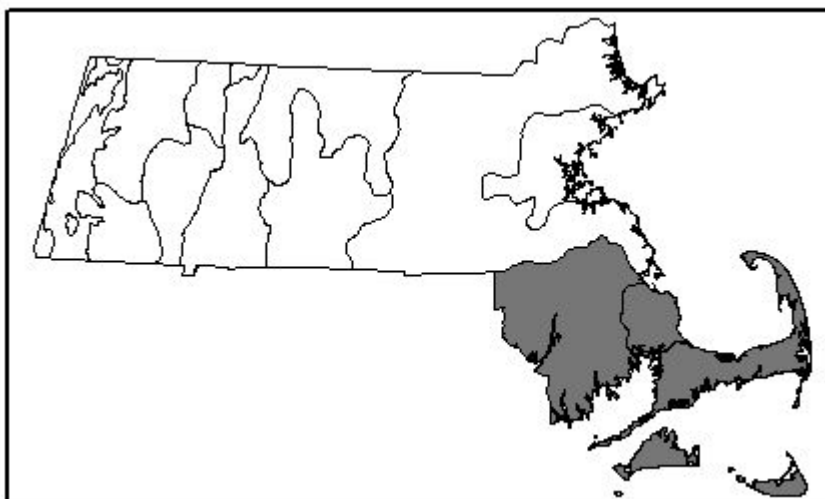


Community Name: ESTUARINE INTERTIDAL: COASTAL SALT POND MARSH
Community CODE: CE2B200000
SRANK: S2



Concept: The vegetation surrounding coastal salt ponds. The inland ends tend to be fresher, with denser, taller vegetation developing. Similar to salt marsh.

Environmental setting: Inland ends and shores of salt ponds. Sea-level fens [described in palustrine classification] are within the areas of Coastal salt pond marshes, but more restricted. .

Vegetation Description: Beds of narrow-leaved cattail (*Typha angustifolia*), common reed (*Phragmites australis*), freshwater cord-grass (*Spartina pectinata*), coastal switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum* ssp. *spissum*), bulrushes (*Scirpus* spp., particularly *S. pungens*), and mock bishop's-weed (*Ptilimnium capillaceum*) grow at the inland ends of the salt ponds.

Associations:

**Habitat Values for
Associated Fauna:**

Associated rare plants:

CRASSULA AQUATICA	PYGMYWEED	T
HYDROCOTYLE VERTICILLATA	SALTPOND PENNYWORT	SC
SETARIA GENICULATA	BRISTLY FOXTAIL	SC
SUAEDA CALCEOLIFORMIS	AMERICAN SEA-BLITE	SC

Associated rare animals:

SPARTINIPHAGA INOPS	SPARTINA BORER	SC
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**Examples with
Public Access:**

Threats:

Management needs:

Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Synonyms

USNVC/TNC: Scirpus pungens Tidal Herbaceous Alliance -- Scirpus pungens - Eleocharis parvula Herbaceous Vegetation [CEGL006398].

MA (old name): Coastal Salt Pond Marsh.

ME: Marine - Salt pond community.

NH: Coastal salt pond marsh.

NY: Coastal salt pond.

CT: Possible, not described.

RI: Coastal salt pond.

Other:

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